THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Nationalised Banks sanction loans to rural artisans, agricultural workers and small farmers under their normal schemes on an ongoing basis and also under Government sponsored programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

(b) to (f) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that its data reporting system does not yield information on advances to the above categories of borrowers separately, but they are included in the three broad categories viz. advances to agriculture, small scale industries and the services sector. Even the targets for the categories of artisans, agricultural labours and small farmers are not fixed separately under Annual Credit Plans (ACP) prepared for the districts. However, the progress made by all institutions in achieving the targets of the three broad categories under ACP in Uttar Pradesh during the years 1988, 1989-90, 1990-91 are furnished below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Sector	1988		1989-90		1990-91 (upto 31-12-90)	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1. Agriculture	852.74	862.52	1179.09	1030.16	1363.36	726.41
2. SSI	220.56	242.66	255.04	240.26	289.51	161.72
3. Services	239.75	282.73	272.75	259.00	30.52	161.52
TOTAL	1313.05	1387.91	1706.88	1529.42	1683.39	1049.65

Achievements of Trade Development Authority

4232. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Development Authority has achieved the objectives for which it was set up;

(b) if so, the details of its main achievements; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make it financially and commercially viable?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) TDA in line with its objectives has been playing the role of a catalyst in promotion of exports particularly from the small scale sector who constitute over 60% of its membership. It has evolved a number of techniques for promotion of thrust products to select markets such as, India Promotions with leading Department Stores abroad, Buyer Seller Meets, participation in

specialised Trade Fairs abroad Contact Promotion Programmes, product development and adaptation etc. It has set up a trade information centre for collection of commercial intelligence from all over the world for dissemination to Indian exporting community. Research studies such as Short-term Forecast of India's Exports, Action Plans for Promotion of Exports from different States in the country, Supply and Demand Studies, Feasibility Studies for EPZs, Overseas Market Surveys etc. are also undertaken by the Authority. During the last 3 years, TDA organised 52 Export Development Programmes covering select thrust products and markets which, together with other activities, have resulted in export business worth Rs. 432.68 crores.

[English]

New Mandovi Bridge

4233. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the date when the tender for the New Mandovi Bridge was awarded;

(b) the name of the contractor and the amount of the work awarded;

(c) the specified time limit and the penalty in the contract for not completing the work in the stipulated time-limit;

(d) the amount so far paid to the contractor; and

(e) the time by which the Bridge is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The tender for construction of New Mandovi Bridge was awarded on 21-2-1987.

(b) The name of the contractor is M/s. U. P. State Bridge Corporation Ltd. and the amount of award is Rs. 957 lakhs.

(c) The time specified in the Contract for completion of the work was three years and the maximum penalty is ten percent of the contract value in the form of liquidated damages.

(d) The amount paid to the contractor as on 22-7-1991 is Rs. 1422.11 lakhs.

(e) The bridge is likely to be completed by may, 1992.

[Translation]

Supply of Yarn to Carpet Industry in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh

4234. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the carpet industry in Hathras (U. P.) is facing certain basic difficulties such as fetching yarn from far off places;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide yarn at Hathras itself to encourage this industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Generally speaking there is no problem in the availability of yarn for the manufacture of handloom cotton durees, carpets, rugs etc. in Hathras. A spinning unit of NTC located at Hathras produces yarn of waste cotton and coarse counts required for the